Criteria for selecting music items

373. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for selecting music items of classical and semi-classical nature for use in "Rashtriya Prasaran Seva" (National Broadcasting Service);

(b) what are the criteria for adding new items for the National Broadcasting Service; and

(c) what is the language-wise break-up of items added during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Recordings of approved and graded music artists from various stations of All India Radio are included in the National Channel.

(c) National Channel broadcasts high quality Hindustani (Vocal and Instrumental), Karnatic (Vocal and Instrumental) as well as Western Music. Folk and Tribal musics of different regions are also broadcast from the National Channel. List of languages in which music programmes were broadcast on the National Channel during the last three years, is enclosed.

The Programme of Regional Music is broadcast daily from 3.30 a.m. to 4.00 a.m. The following are the languages broadcast in this programme:—

1. Mundari	2. Bengala
3. Haryanavi	4. Oriya
5. Mizo	6. Kannada
7. Kurmali	8. Bhojpuri
9. Awadi	10. Brij
11. Dogari	12. Gadwali
13. Punjabi	14. Tamil
15. Gujrathi	16. Malyalam
17. Assamese	18. Telugu
19. Himachali	20. Manipuri

21. Kashmiri
22. Marathi
23. Bundelkandi
24. Chhatisgarhi
25. Khasi-Meghalaya
26. Rajasthani
27. Nagaland
28. Uraon
29. Chhotanagpur - Maharasthra
30. Andaman and Nicobar
31. Ladakhi-Himachal
32. Kumaon
33. Sindhi
34. Bihari
35. Mewathi
36. Lakshdweep - Folk Songs
37. Karbi
38. Saurasht
39. Aizwal
40. Nagpuri
41. Buddists Devotional Songs
42. Arunachal Pradesh
43. Mizram
44. Maithali
45. Magahi
46. Mandvi
47. Daman State
48. Padwali -Geet
49. Dubri Lok Geet
50. Santhali - Bihari

The daily programme of devotional music entitled 'Vandana' is broadcast from 4.40 a.m. to 5.45 a.m. which includes renderings in the following languages:—

1. Sanskrit
2. Hindi
3. Tamil
4. Telugu
5. Malayalam
6. Kannada
7. Punjabi
8. Marathi
9. Gujrathi
10. Oriya
11. Bengali
12. Rajasthani

Setting up of T.V. towers in Pauri Garhwal of U.P.

†374. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. towers set up by Government in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.